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OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Moderator,	Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D.
Stated Clerk,	" Frederic E. Shearer.
Treasurer,	" " "
Temporary Clerk,	" J. M. Allis.
Temporary Clerk,	" R. L. Tabor.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

(TO REPORT IN 1877.)

Home Missions.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Robert Patterson, D. D.,	Ex-Gov. H. H. Haight,
W. W. Brier,	Wm. Van Doren,
J. M. Newell,	J. B. Conklin,
A. F. White, LL. D.,	Judge E. B. Hall,
N. B. Klink.	S. Duncan.

Foreign Missions.

John Edwards,	Thomas Douglass,
George Burrows, D. D.,	Nathaniel Gray,
H. H. Rice,	A. Aitken,
J. S. McDonald,	R. J. Trumbull,
S. B. King.	Dr. W. R. Fox.

Publication.

A. L. Nash,	H. W. Briggs,
F. E. Shearer,	G. W. Armes,
Lewis Thompson,	John S. Thompson,
R. McCulloch,	A. A. Saunders,
J. Phelps, D. D.	Dr. Teagarden.

Education.

Prof. W. Alexander, D. D.,
W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D.,
Horace A. Mayhew,
R. Wylie,
Robert Strong.
Dr. B. Bryant,
Stephen Franklin,
Josiah McCoy,
W. H. Hampton,
S. B. Raine.

Church Erection.

N. B. Klink,
J. H. Byers,
R. L. Tabor,
E. M. Betts,
A. F. White, LL. D.
James Rogers,
P. S. Peters,
Charles Geddes,
Judge Weller,
W. A. McGibbon.

Ministerial Relief.

W. H. Dean,
Robert Strong,
Tracy M. Oviatt,
Hugh McLeod,
J. N. Hubbard.
J. D. Thornton,
E. P. Cutler,
Frederick Hilton,
E. H. Gates,
J. H. Mayes.

MINUTES.

The Synod of the Pacific met October 5th, 1876, at 7½ P. M., in the Presbyterian Church of San Jose, and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Jas. Matthews, D. D., of the Presbytery of Sacramento, from Isaiah, 1st chap. and part of the 18th verse, "Come, now, let us reason together." After sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. Matthews.

The roll was made out and the attendance was as follows :

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Ministers — R. R. Wells, Thomas Fraser, James Pierpont, Francis M. Dimmick, Nathaniel B. Klink, Alexander Fairbairn, Hugh McLeod, Charles H. Crawford, Henry R. Avery, Richard Wylie, James S. Todd, Wm. R. Stewart, James Mitchell, James L. Woods, James S. McDonald, H. G. Keime, James L. Drum, Thomas Kirkland, and Robert Scrimgeour.

Elders—W. H. Hampton, Davisville church ; H. I. Bailey, Clear Lake ; A. A. Saunders, Westminster ; E. H. Gates, Healdsburg ; and S. Q. Barlow, Two Rocks.

Ministers Absent — Robert McCulloch and Andrew J. Compton, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

Ministers — Joshua Phelps, D. D., Robert Strong, Edward Graham, John M. Allis, and James Cameron.

Elders—None.

Ministers Absent—A. F. White, LL. D., John Marquis, Wm. C. Mosher, Samuel B. King, P. D. Young, R. Boag, and Townsend E. Taylor.

PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

Ministers—None.

Elders—None.

Ministers Absent—J. S. Reasoner, Edward R. Geary, D. D., M. A. Williams, A. L. Lindsley, D. D., Geo. F. Whitworth, Robert Robe, J. R. Thompson, John Rea, Thomas J. Weeks, Wm. A. Smick, Henry Gaus, Abraham H. Bates, George Ross, Anthony Simpson, Joseph A. Hanna, and M. G. Mann.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Ministers—Nelson Slater, J. N. Hubbard, J. B. Jewell, James Matthews, D. D., Isaac N. Hurd, John Mack, H. A. Mayhew, John Woods, Samuel Robinson, James M. Newell, A. C. Gillies, H. H. Rice, Wm. H. Tallmadge, H. B. McBride, and James White.

Elders—S. S. McNaughten, Mount Aukum Church; A. Aitken, Sacramento.

Ministers Absent—B. B. Bonham, Lewis Thompson, W. C. McKaig, D. D., J. H. Byers, Josiah McClain, and E. Halliday.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Ministers—W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., S. Woodbridge, D. D., James Woods, S. T. Wells, A. W. Loomis, D. D., R. L. Tabor, James Curry, Robert Patterson, D. D., T. M. Cunningham, D. D., A. S. Fiske, Frederic E. Shearer, John Hemphill, James Woodworth, M. L. Berger, W. H. Dean, and Calvin A. Poage.

Elders—J. J. Gardner, First Church of Oakland; J. Wiley, Contra Costa; H. Forsman, Woodbridge Church; Charles Geddes, Westminster Church; N. Gray, First Church of San Francisco; George K. Gluyas, St. John's; H. Crockard, Memorial; and Hans Hulgersen, San Pablo.

Ministers Absent—John Sessions, D.D., Albert Williams, Geo. Burrows, D. D., D. W. Poor, D. D., H. S. Carpenter, D. D., R. V. Dodge, Edmund Verrue, C. T. Mills, D. D., J. A. Merrill, James Eells, D. D., Wm. Buehren, E. J. Vail,* J. D. Strong, David McClure, Ira M. Condit, P. V. Veeder, D. D., R. G. McCarthy, S. P. Whiting and T. M. Dawson (suspended).

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Ministers—Clement E. Babb, D. D., W. W. Brier, Silas S. Harmon, John Edwards, H. H. Dobbins, T. M. Oviatt, Robert S. Symington, Wm. Alexander, D. D., Eben M. Betts, C. W. Anthony, W. H. Wilson, F. L. Nash, A. Ostram, and J. W. Snowden.

Elders—J. R. Weller, Milpitas church; J. M. Rodgers, Watsonville; M. S. Wilson, Santa Clara; and H. W. Briggs, Gilroy.

Ministers Absent—W. F. B. Lynch, James M. Alexander, Martin Post, S. P. Herron, B. T. De Witt, J. G. Downing, and Hiram Hill.

The Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., of the Presbytery of San Francisco, was chosen Moderator by acclamation, and Revs. J. M. Allis and R. L. Tabor Temporary Clerks.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11.30 A. M., to hear the delegate from the Congregational Association, and also voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and that the daily session begin at 9 o'clock A. M., with recesses from 12 M. to 2 P. M., and from 5 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.

It was ordered that to-morrow evening be devoted to a meeting on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

On motion the Synod adjourned. Closed with prayer.

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* Died November 26, 1876.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Synod convened and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which the minutes of last evening were read and approved. The printed minutes of 1875 were distributed, and the following persons invited to sit as corresponding members:

Revs. John Thompson, R. J. Dille and C. C. Stratton of the California Annual Conference; Prof. John C. Randolph of the Synod of Kentucky; D. E. Bushnell of the Pacific Synod of the Cumberland Pres. Church; Henry Loomis of the Synod of China; A. Calhoun of the Second Synod of the West, (U. P. Church); Dr. Frost and E. J. Arnold of the San Francisco Baptist Association; W. C. Rommel of the Synod of Colorado; J. M. Hopkins and B. F. Burris of the Pacific Methodist Conference (M. E. Church South); J. J. Powell of the Bay Congregational Association; and A. R. Day of the Synod of Wisconsin.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M., to hear Rev. John Thompson, the Agent of the Bible Society.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES—Revs. Jas. Matthews, D. D., S. Woodbridge, D. D., F. M. Dimmick, and Elder A. Aitken.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE—Revs. E. Graham, Prof. Wm. Alexander, D. D., J. A. Mayhew, R. Scrimgeour, and Elder Geo. K. Gluyas.

3. ON ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES—Revs. S. Robinson, H. R. Avery, and Elder J. M. Rodgers.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE—Revs. N. B. Klink, Jas. Cameron, and Elder Hugh Crockard.

5. ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT—Revs. J. Hemphill, R. Strong and Elder N. Gray.

6. On Finance and Mileage—Revs. J. Edwards, J. M. Newell, Joshua Phelps, D. D., and Elder Chas. Geddes.

7. On Theological Seminary—Revs. S. S. Harmon, A. S. Fiske, E. M. Betts, John Woods, and Elder H. W. Briggs.

8. On Correspondence—Revs. T. M. Cunningham, D. D., C. A. Poage, and Elder W. S. Stewart.

9. On Sunday-school Meeting for 1877.—Revs. R. Patterson, D. D., A. Fairbairn, and H. H. Rice.

10. On Narrative for 1877. — Revs. R. Wylie, A. W. Loomis, D. D., and R. S. Symington.

11. On Records of Presbyteries—

(*a*) Benicia.—Revs. N. Slater, S. T. Wells, and A. Ostram.

(*b*) Los Angeles — Revs. I. N. Hurd, R. R. Wells, C. H. Crawford.

(*c*) Oregon — Revs. W. W. Brier, A. C. Gillies, and James Woods.

(*d*) Sacramento — Revs. Jas. Mitchell, M. L. Berger, and C. W. Anthony.

(*e*) San Francisco — Revs. J. S. McDonald, J. N. Hubbard, and T. M. Oviatt.

(*f*) San Jose — Revs. J. S. Todd, H. B. McBride, and Jas. Curry.

The report of the Synodical Missionary, Rev. Thos. Fraser, was heard, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Owing to the absence of Rev. A. F. White, LL. D., Rev. Robt. Strong of Presbytery of the Los Angeles, was appointed in his place as a member of the Committee on Home Missions, and Rev. Dr. A. W. Loomis was appointed as a member on the Committee of Foreign Missions, to take the place of Rev. Ira M. Condit, absent.

The Committee on Denominational Comity made a report, which was accepted and recommitted.

At the request of Rev. Dr. Scott, the Rev. James Matthews, D. D., was appointed in his place as Chairman of the Committee on Denominational Comity.

Eleven o'clock A. M., the hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. John Thompson, of the Bible Society, was heard for half an hour, at the conclusion of which the following was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That having heard with interest the address of Rev. John Thompson, District Superintendent of the California and American Bible Societies, the whole matter be referred to a committee of three, to report during the sessions of Synod.

The Moderator appointed the committee as follows : Revs. S. Woodbridge, D. D., Prof. W. Alexander, D. D., and A. Fairbairn.

Revs. James Eells, D. D., A. F. White, LL. D., and A. L. Lindsley, D. D., members of the Committee on Church Erection, being absent, their respective places were filled by Revs. S. Woodbridge, D. D., James Cameron, and T. M. Cunningham, D. D.

The Committee on Foreign Missions asked and had leave to retire.

The Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary made a report through Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D.

The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries. (See Appendix E.)

On motion, a consideration of THE OCCIDENT was made the order of the day for 2:30 P. M.

A map of the territory embraced in the bounds of the Synod, prepared by Mr. Warren Holt, was presented to the Synod by Mr. Holt, and accepted, with thanks.

A memorial was received from the Presbytery of Los Angeles on the Legal Incorporation of Churches, as follows :

The Presbytery of Los Angeles respectfully present the following memorial to the Synod of the Pacific, on the subject of Church Incorporations :

The Civil Code, in its direction for the incorporation of churches, is so far indefinite that our churches have been uncertain how to incorporate with perfect safety. In one case, under good legal advice, one of our churches was incorporated as a stock company to protect itself against actual danger to its property, which mode of incorporation, we consider, places our churches in a false position before the world. Even where no danger is apprehended under any circumstances, the exact mode of procedure for correct incorporation is unknown to most of our churches as they reach this stage in their existence. We therefore respectfully ask the Synod of the Pacific to appoint a committee, specially expert in these legal affairs, to report to the next Synod on the best mode of incorporation under the laws of California, with directions in detail on all the steps to be taken previous to and for the act of incorporation and adoption of By-Laws, so that our congregations may hereafter go forward safely and readily.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

ROBERT STRONG.
A. F. WHITE.
J. M. ALLIS.
} Committee.

It was on motion ordered that a committee of five should be appointed, according to the request of the memorial.

Rev. R. Strong was substituted in place of Dr. J. Phelps on the Committee on Finance and Mileage.

The hour of 12 M. having arrived, the Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business.

A letter from Rev. James Eells, D. D., asking to be excused from attendance at Synod, was read, and the request was granted.

The committee to defend the Synod in the case of the appeal of Rev. Albert Williams from the action of the Synod in sustaining the Presbytery of San Francisco concerning T. M. Daw-

son, reported that the Judicial Committee of the Assembly refused to entertain the case as an appeal, and at the request of the committee, and with the consent of Mr. Williams, the case was tried as a complaint, and the unanimous finding of the Commission was entered, by the unanimous act of the Assembly, as follows:

The committee, to whom was referred Judicial Case No. 3, being a complaint of Rev. A. Williams against the decision of the Synod of the Pacific in sustaining the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco in the case of the Rev. T. M. Dawson, beg leave to report, recommending that the complaint be dismissed on constitutional grounds.

The Commission find themselves enabled to base their decision on this single fact: That the letter of T. M. Dawson to the Presbytery of San Francisco, bearing date August 7, 1875, was, according to the concession of both parties to the complaint, understood and acted upon as an announcement of his withdrawal from the Presbyterian ministry. As such withdrawal while the Presbytery were prosecuting inquiries in regard to the character and conduct of the minister professing to withdraw, finds no sanction in the Form of Government and precedents of the Church, the striking of the name of Rev. T. M. Dawson from the roll of the Presbytery was unconstitutional and void. The Commission are, therefore, relieved from the necessity of considering and passing judgment upon any other aspects or elements of the case."

The report was accepted, and the fidelity of the committee approved.

The Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Benicia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, and San José made their respective reports, which were accepted, and for which see "Appendix A."

The Committee on the Bible Society presented their report, which was accepted.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, it was resolved to go into Committee of the Whole to consider THE OCCIDENT.

The Committee of the Whole rose and made their report, as follows:

WHEREAS, God in His providence has called Dr. Babb to the editorial charge of THE OCCIDENT, therefore

Resolved, That the members of the Synod of the Pacific are called upon by Providence to cordially aid him in its conduct, and we pledge ourselves to render such aid in increasing its circulation, and in reporting to it such matters of church news as may occur among our people, and may be of general interest.

The report was adopted.

The committee on the subject of union between the Synod of the Pacific and the Pacific Synod (Cumberland Presbyterian Church)—made its report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee recall the action of Synod a year ago as found on page 13 of the printed Minutes and have noted the action of the Pacific Synod as found in their printed Minutes for 1875 on page 12, and recommend that it be

Resolved, 1. That we decline the basis of union proposed by the Pacific Synod.

Resolved, 2. That as there seems to be no prospect of agreeing on a basis of union that is mutually satisfactory the committee be discharged.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, and on motion the report was recommitted with instruction to make more definite recommendations.

The Committee on the Board of Publication made a report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee have to report that the circulation and distribution of the works of the Board is less this year than in the year 1875.

This is owing partly to the decrease in the sale of the Hymnal, many of our churches having been supplied last year and partly to the want of men to bring our publications to the notice and within the reach of our people.

In view of these facts your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod urges upon our Presbyteries the importance of looking up and recommending efficient men for the prosecution of this work.

Resolved, That we recommend the publications of our own Board to all the churches and Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod, and that annual collections be taken to aid the Board in its work.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported, recommending that a meeting be held to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 3

o'clock, and that addresses be made by Rev. A. S. Fiske, H. W. Briggs, Esq., and Rev. J. S. McDonald, on the subject of "How to Reach the Children."

The report was adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending that the Foreign Missionary Meeting, to be held this evening, be addressed by Revs. Rice, Newell, Dr. Loomis, Fiske and Robinson; that Saturday evening be devoted to Home Missions; that the Moderator preach in this church on Sabbath morning; that Communion be observed on the Sabbath at 3 P. M., to be conducted by Rev. J. Edwards and Rev. R. Patterson, D. D.; and that Sabbath evening be devoted to Foreign Missionary work.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and for which see "Appendix B."

The Committee on the Affairs of Howard Street Church presented a verbal report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of San José reported, recommending their approval, and the report was adopted.

The hour having arrived, the Synod took recess until 7½ P. M.

AFTER RECESS, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and, after devotional exercises, Rev. Mr. Hemphill read the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the California Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and addresses were made, according to the report of the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion the Synod adjourned. Closed with prayer.

OCTOBER, Saturday A. M.

The Synod met at 9 A.M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Freedmen made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported, and the report was accepted.

Pending its consideration, the hour of 12 M. having arrived, the Synod took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTER RECESS, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and resumed business, and, on motion, the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Home Missions was postponed.

The Committee on Minutes of the Presbytery of San Francisco reported, recommending their approval, and the report was adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee, and for which see "Appendix C."

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the report of the Treasurer and the accompanying vouchers, and found it correct, and recommended that the account be approved.

The report was adopted.

Rev. S. Robinson, a member of the Committee of the Synods on the Benevolent Work of the Church, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows :

Your committee recommend for adoption by Synod—

(1.) That in harmony with the instructions to provide for Home Missionary Conventions to meet before or during the sittings of the Synod, to discuss the vital questions involved in the work of the Board—as this is the most important mission work of the Church—that the evening of the Sabbath during which the Synod is in session be devoted to this subject, and the arrangements for, and management of, the meeting be left in the hands of the Home Missionary Agent.

(2.) That a Branch Bureau of unemployed ministers and vacant churches be organized on the Pacific Coast, and that it consist of the Moderator and one member of each Presbytery appointed yearly.

(3.) That Synod commend anew to the sympathy and liberality of the churches the Board of Foreign Missions, and require the several Presbyteries at the Spring meeting to make special inquiry whether the cause has been presented to the congregations within their bounds, and an opportunity of contributing afforded them.

(4.) That the Clerk be instructed to take measures to have the statistics of contributions published and distributed in all the families in the bounds of the Synod.

The Committee on Finance and Mileage reported that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amount to $450, and that the necessary traveling expenses of members, as reported to the committee, amount to $555.05. They recommend that the sum of $120 be appropriated to the contingent expenses of the Synod, leaving $330 for mileage, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay 60 per cent. of the mileage reported.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Sacramento reported, and their report was accepted and re-committed.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following had been excused, to wit: Revs. E. Halliday, J. Mitchell, S. Robinson, J. Hemphill, S. Woodbridge, D. D., J. Cameron, and J. M. Allis ; and Elders J. M. Rodgers and Geo. K. Gluyas.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Denominational Comity reported, and their report was accepted, and pending its consideration the hour for the order of the day arrived; but on motion the order of the day was postponed, and the subject of a Sunday-school meeting referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises. Synod resumed its consideration of the report on Denominational Comity. After discussion and the adoption and reconsideration of a portion of the report, a substitute for the whole report was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That Denominational Comity, as defined and adopted by our Home Missionary Board, and the American Home Missionary Society, presents a sound, practical, and sufficient basis, on which the evangelical denominations of this coast may, with the utmost harmony and efficiency, conduct their Home Mission operations.

Resolved, That the principles and policy therein enunciated is commended to all who have anything to do with Home Missionary work.

In the absence of Revs. Allis and Tabor, Revs. H. H. Rice and James Curry were appointed temporary clerks, *pro tem.*

Rev. Prof. J. H. Braley, of the Pacific Synod, and Rev. M. Willetts, of the Congregational Association of California, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was moved to appoint another committee for the ensuing year, on the subject of Denominational Comity; and, pending the discussion, the previous question was ordered, and the original motion then prevailed; and it was then

Resolved, That the Synodical Committee on Denominational Comity should consist of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees on Home Missions.

An invitation was received from Prof. Braley to visit the State Normal School. It was accepted, with thanks.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending a Synodical Prayer Meeting on Sabbath morning, at 9½ o'clock, and that the Sunday-school Mass Meeting be on Sunday, at 1 P. M.; and that the speakers to-night, at the meeting for Home Missions, be as follows:

Revs. Prof. Alexander, John Woods, Thomas Fraser, and Dr. Patterson.

Recess was then taken until 7½ o'clock P. M.

AFTER RECESS, 7½ o'clock P. M.

Synod met at the expiration of recess, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Matthews, who presided during the evening session.

The report of the Committee on Mileage, appointed by the last Synod, was made and accepted and adopted, as follows:

The committee appointed by the last Synod to consider the subject of mileage, and to report at this meeting, respectfully report as follows:

It is conceded on all hands that the Synod must hold its annual meeting in or near the city of San Francisco. The practical question then first arises, how shall the traveling expenses of the delegates from the North, East, and South be paid? If we say, let every delegate, or every church, or every Presbytery, pay its own expenses, the result is that the entire expense falls on the distant members or the distant churches. These modes of meeting the question are so manifestly unjust that they may be at once discarded. The only remaining alternative is to make an equal assessment on all the members of the churches of the Synod, and from the fund thus raised to pay the traveling expenses of the members of the Synod. The arguments are so familiar to Synod, and have been so approved in the experience of the General Assembly, that they need not now be detailed. We recommend an annual mileage fund to be raised by an equal annual assessment on the members of all our churches. The practical questions still remain, what shall be the amount of this annual assessment, how shall it be collected and how disbursed?

1. It is estimated, by careful investigation, that the traveling expenses of a theoretical Synod, composed of every minister and an elder from every church, would be at present a little over $2,000. But the traveling expenses of the fullest actual Synod we could expect to gather would hardly amount to half this amount, and it is agreed that an assessment of ten cents per member, the same as is now levied, imposes as large a burden on our larger churches as is right to impose on them for this object. As the amount thus raised, if all is collected, would usually nearly or quite meet all the actual expenses to be defrayed, it may be accepted as the true amount for recommendation, viz: ten cents per member.

2. How shall this be collected? At present all the burden of collection falls on the Treasurer of Synod. Aside from the unreasonableness of imposing so great a burden on one man, the effect is inevitable that the churches which do not expect to be represented fail, as a class, to send their assessment. Herein the

present system is defective. We propose to meet this defect by making it the duty of each Presbytery to collect the Synodical assessment from all its churches, and to insure this we shall propose that, so far as any Presbytery is not faithful in collecting, just so far it, and it alone, shall suffer in its receipts from the fund. The experience of the General Assembly is ample security for the success of this system.

3. How shall this fund be disbursed? We propose that only the naked fares by railroad, stage, or steamer, by shortest route to and from Synod, be paid without allowance for incidentals of any kind. We propose to continue an annual Mileage Committee as at present, with similar duties, only modified in that they disburse the fund, not to the members in person, but to the Treasurers of Presbyteries as indicated in our closing resolutions.

One other point seems to your committee worthy of consideration. The Presbytery of San Francisco pays largely to this fund, but draws, usually, nothing from it. They contribute willingly, that the Synod may be full. It is true that they pay only their *pro rata*, but then they usually have not drawn their *pro rata*, that the benefit of the fund may go to those whose expenses are necessarily very much larger. Then distant members may, therefore, be not unreasonably asked to meet this feeling, and the brethren round about the centre to share in it. We therefore propose that a deduction of $5, be made from every claim on the Mileage fund, the result of which will be that the entire benefit of the fund will go to those for whom it is intended, and the amount of the assessment may perhaps soon be materially decreased. We therefore recommend the following resolution for adoption:

1. Let the Treasurer of each Presbytery send to the Treasurer of the Synod the full amount required under the assessment, each Presbytery making its own arrangements for collection.

2. Let the Treasurer of the Synod, under the direction of the Finance and Mileage Committee, deduct from the amounts received the necessary sum for the ordinary expenses of the Synod, and place the balance, with statement of the amounts in default, at the disposal of the Finance and Mileage Committee for mileage.

3. Let the Treasurer of each Presbytery, or his representative in case of his absence, gather and hand to the Mileage Committee the mileage claim of the members of the Presbytery in attendance in detail, actual stage, railroad or steamer fares by cheapest route only being counted, without allowance for incidentals of any kind.

4. Let the Mileage Committee, after deducting $5, from each claim, pay to the acting Treasurer of each Presbytery the amount due to his Presbytery for distribution by him, the

amount paid being in proportion to the amount at the disposal of the Committee, but not to exceed actual fares less $5, as above. Any balance in the hands of the Mileage Committee to be returned to the Treasurer of Synod, and to be taken into account in their recommendation of the amount of the next assessment.

5. If any Presbytery neglects or fails to send its full assessment, then the amount in default shall be charged to that Presbytery, and deducted from the amount appropriated to it, and these sums shall therefore be treated by the Mileage Committee as part of its cash assets. The Presbytery of San Francisco is alone and expressly excepted from the operation of this rule.

6. No claim for mileage shall be allowed to any member who is not in attendance before the close of the first morning session, or who does not remain until the close of the sessions, unless his excuse is stated and sustained in open Synod.

7. That the assessment for mileage and contingent fund be ten cents for each communicant.

ROBERT STRONG.
J. M. NEWELL.
W. W. BRIER.
R. WYLIE.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Sacramento presented an amended report, which was adopted and is as follows:

Your committee, appointed to examine the records of the Sacramento Presbytery, report as follows:

That they have examined said records, recommend them for the approval of Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. That the report of the organization of Elk Grove church should have been entered upon the records instead of being referred to as paper "B."

2. That the report of the Committee on Credentials of ministers to labor in the bounds of the Presbytery should also have been entered upon the records instead of being referred to as paper "C."

3. That the report on Home Missions should also have been entered upon the records instead of being referred to as paper "D."

4. We take the same exceptions as regards reports referred to as papers "E," "F," and "I."

We note a general lack of care and pains taken in the making of the records.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

The Committee on Church Erection reported, and the report was accepted and placed on the docket.

On motion, Synod adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, October 9, 1876.

The Synod met at 9 o'clock and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, under direction of the Moderator.

On resuming business the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Benicia reported as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Benicia Presbytery would respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and would recommend their approval, with the suggestion that the several items written with pencil be inked over with pen.

And that all records hereafter be written with pen and ink.

N. SLATER.
S. T. WELLS.

The report was adopted.

The Report on Church Erection was taken from the docket and adopted, for which see Appendix C.

The Report of the Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion was read and adopted, for which see Appendix D.

The Report of the Presbytery of San Jose was received and accepted, for which see Appendix A, 5.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported, and the report was adopted, for which, and also the report of the Board of Directors to the Synod, see Appendix E.

The Moderator announced the election, by the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, of the following directors for the ensuing three years, to-wit:

Revs. A. F. White, LL. D., A. L. Lindsley, D. D., James Matthews, D. D., Rev. Richard Wylie, and Elders Wales L. Palmer and E. Bigelow.

The Moderator announced the committee to report to the next Synod on the Incorporation of Churches, as follows :

Revs. F. E. Shearer, Robt. Strong, and Ex-Governor H. H. Haight, Rev. H. A. Mayhew, and Judge J. S. Thompson.

It was

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its deep sympathy with our beloved brother De Witt and his family in their affliction. We commend them to the sympathy of our people, and pray that God would grant him a speedy and full restoration to health.

The Stated Clerk is directed to send to Bro. De Witt a copy of this minute.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Directors of the Theological Seminary be elected by ballot.

A telegraphic invitation was read from the session of the church at Stockton, inviting the Synod to meet there next year; and, on motion, the invitation was accepted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Synod should convene at 2 o'clock P. M., on the first Thursday of October, 1877.

Synod then proceeded to elect, by ballot, a Synodical Missionary for the ensuing year. The result of the election was the choice of Rev. Thomas Fraser, the present incumbent.

It was *Resolved*, That a new Standing Rule be added, numbered XXIII., to read as follows :

The Synodical Missionary, and the Directors of the Theological Seminary, shall be elected by ballot.

The Committee on the Presbytery of Oregon reported, and the report was accepted and recommitted.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that no delegates from corresponding bodies have presented themselves, but a letter from Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., the delegate of the Pacific Conference of the M. E. Church South, has been received. The letter was read and placed on file.

The committee recommended the following appointments, which were, on motion, ordered, to-wit :

To the Congregational Association—Rev. J. S. McDonald; alternate, Rev. M. L. Berger.

Pacific Synod (Cumberland Pres. Church) — Rev. John Edwards; alternate, Rev. H. H. Dobbins.

M. E. Church—Rev. Dr. J. Eells; alternate, Rev. Dr. R. Patterson.

M. E. South—Rev. Dr. W. A. Scott; alternate, Rev. N. B. Klink.

The committee was discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented an additional report, that the following had been excused, to-wit:

Revs. W. R. Stewart, Dr. Jas. Matthews, A. Fairbairn, A. W. Loomis, D. D., Richard Wylie, T. M. Cunningham, D. D., and Thomas Kirkland, and Elders N. Gray and S. Q. Barlow.

The report was accepted.

The Standing Committee on Education made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the docket and the report amended and adopted, for which see Appendix F.

The hour of recess having arrived it was, on motion, resolved to continue the session until the final adjournment.

It was

Resolved, That Synod requests the publication of the Narrative in *The Occident*,

And also,

Resolved, That the report of the Synodical Missionary be placed on file, and that an abstract of the report of the Committee on Home Missions be made by the Stated Clerk for the records of Synod and the printed minutes.

And

Resolved, That Synod requests the publication of these two reports in *The Occident*.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Oregon made a second report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Oregon report that the records have not been sent up, and recommends that the committee be continued, and required to report at the next meeting of Synod.

That if the minutes are placed in the hands of the committee within ten days, it be required to examine and report on the same. If not thus presented, then the committee shall be required to forward the facts to the next General Assembly, signed by the Chairman of the committee, and certified by the Stated Clerk of Synod.

W. W. Brier,
Chairman.

The Synod

Resolved, That we commend to our churches the work of the American Tract Society, and recommend the Society to their sympathy and support.

The following vote of thanks was passed, to-wit:

The Synod of the Pacific has great occasion to recognize and record the goodness of God in His manifest presence and power in the midst of our sessions, giving harmony and fraternal spirit, and Christian fellowship, which has made our sessions pleasant and profitable, and do now, in separating from each other, and leaving this place of spiritual enjoyment, offer our cordial thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for their wise and efficient plans for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; to the Pastor, Elders, and Trustees of the Church of San José, for the use of their house of worship for the sessions of the Synod; and to the families of San José and Santa Clara, whose large-hearded hospitality the members of this Synod have been permitted to enjoy.

It was also

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the American Sunday-school Union, and bid its work God-speed on this coast.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to condense some of the reports, and to publish the Minutes in pamphlet form, and the Synod adjourned at half-past one o'clock, on Monday, October 9th.

On motion the Session of the Stockton Church was made a Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting of Synod.

The Moderator announced the Chairmen of the Standing Committees to report in 1877. (See pages 3 and 4.)

The minutes of this day's session were read and approved, and a resolution to adjourn was adopted without calling the roll. The closing prayer was offered by Dr. Patterson, and the Moderator pronounced the apostolic benediction and declared the Synod adjourned and another called to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Stockton, Cal., on the first Thursday of October, A. D. 1877, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

[A]

[1.] PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

The Presbytery of Benicia reports that they consist of twenty-one ministers and twenty-two churches. That Rev. Thomas Fraser has been dismissed from this to join the Presbytery of San Francisco, Oct. 3, 1876. That two installations have taken place during the year.

Rev. F. M. Dimmick was installed pastor over the church at Santa Rosa, June 11, 1876.

Rev. J. S. McDonald was installed pastor over the church at San Rafael, October 2, 1876.

A house of worship has been built and dedicated to the worship of God at San Rafael, October 1, 1876. This church has been built without aid from the Board of Church Erection, and is free from debt.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The house of worship at St. Helena was built and dedicated free from debt the last year. Last Sabbath in January, 1876.

That Rev. W. R. Stewart, of Oregon Presbytery, and Rev. Robert Scrimgeour, of San Francisco, were received on the 15th of April, 1876.

N. B. KLINK,
Stated Clerk.

[2.] PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

The Presbytery of Los Angeles respectfully reports to the Synod of the Pacific that it consists of thirteen ministers and thirteen churches, with a total membership of 584, and has one candidate for the ministry under its care.

Since the last Synod it has received—

Rev. P. D. Young, from the Presbytery of Bloomington.

Rev. I. M. Condit, from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Rev. D. F. McFarland died at Lapwai Agency, Idaho, in May, 1876.

Rev. J. M. Allis has been dismissed to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

It has organized and received the churches of Santa Ana, April, 1876; Gaudalupe, August, 1876; and Carpenteria, September, 1876.

Rev. James A. Mitchell was ordained and installed pastor of the Pasadena church, October 1, 1876.

ROBERT STRONG,
Stated Clerk.

[3.] PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The Presbytery of San Francisco would respectfully report to the Synod of the Pacific that it consists of thirty-five ministers and nineteen churches; that it has under its care as licentiates A. Allardyce and F. H. Robinson.

On October 10th, 1875, it installed Rev. A. S. Fiske as pastor of the Howard Church, and received Rev. M. L. Berger, from the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America; and

On October 17th, installed Rev. R. L. Tabor as pastor of the church of Alameda; and

On Nov. 1st, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. Woodbridge, D. D., and the Howard Street Church;

That on November 8th, 1875, while pending, charges against Rev. T. M. Dawson, the Presbytery was enjoined from further process by an order of the Nineteenth District Court, and that, in view of said order, the process has not yet been issued; and that on the same day, November 8th, it licensed Mr. A. Allardyce to preach the Gospel.

On November 21, 1875, Rev. W. H. Dean was installed pastor of the Brooklyn church.

On December 20th, 1875, it dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. M. Cunningham, D. D., and the Central Church.

On February 20, 1876, it organized the Centennial Church with eighty-eight members; and

On April 4th, 1876, it licensed Francis Henry Robinson to preach the Gospel.

On April, 16, 1876, it organized the Woodbridge Presbyterian

Church, with sixty-eight members; on July 9th, 1876, it ordained James A. Merrill as an Evangelist; and

On August 28th it ordained James Curry and installed him as pastor of the San Pablo church.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

[4.] PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

The following brethren have united with the Presbytery during the Synodical year—

Rev. A. C. Gillies, from the Presbytery of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Mr. William H. Talmadge, and Mr. James White, were received as licentiates from the San Francisco Presbytery, and were since ordained.

Rev. Isaac N. Hurd received a letter of dismission to the San José Presbytery.

Two churches have been added during the year.

One minister has died since the last meeting of Synod—Rev. C. D. Roberts.

We now have twenty-one ministers, including two who have received letters of dismission to other Presbyteries, but who have not joined them, as we are informed.

We also have twenty-three churches under the care of Presbytery, numbering 1,016 members, according to the last reports from them.

N. SLATER,
Stated Clerk.

[5.] PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSÉ.

The Presbytery of San Jose consists of twenty ministers and nineteen churches. At its last meeting it received under its care two churches recently organized, viz: The Presbyterian Church of Arroyo Grandé, and the Mayfield Presbyterian Church.

It has received by letter from other Presbyteries, Rev. John G. Downing, Rev. Isaac S. Snowdon, and Rev. Isaac N. Hurd.

It has dismissed to other Presbyteries Rev. J. M. Alexander, Rev. E. H. Post, and Rev. R. S. Symington.

It has constituted the pastoral relation between Rev. F. L. Nash and the church of Watsonville, and between Rev. H. H. Dobbins and the church of Santa Clara.

Two churches have been erected during the year, one at Cambria and one at San Luis Obispo.

Two churches have become self-supporting.

W. W. BRIER,
Stated Clerk.

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SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

F. E. Shearer, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Pacific, October 7, 1876.

F. E. Shearer, Dr.

Bal. at last report, October, 1875, $295.30	$295 30
Received since the last report, on the assessment of 1875	219 85
On the assessment of 1876	272 70
Total	$787 95

F. E. Shearer, Cr.

Paid mileage, Synod of 1875, as per vouchers herewith, (vouchers No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5)	$217 55
Salary of Stated Clerk	50 00
Printing Minutes (voucher No. 6)	65 00
Postage and Expressage	4 75
Total	$337 30
Balance in the Treasurer's hands	450 55
Total	$787 85

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Report of the Standing Committee on Church Erection to the Synod of the Pacific :

Your committee would report that during the Synodical year seven houses of worship have been erected, and eight are in process of erection.

The Board granted to six churches, last year, $3,580.60. The Board gave us about eight times as much as they received.

That the coming year churches will apply for about $4,800 to assist in the erection of new churches, and to pay off debts incurred in building.

That our churches during the past year have contributed to this end the sum of four hundred and fifty-four dollars ($454); or 7½ cents per member. This amount has been contributed by twenty-eight churches, while sixty-two of our churches have not contributed anything. And yet the General Assembly has strongly recommended this Board to all our churches for an annual contribution.

In view of the above facts, your committee earnestly recommend every minister to take up a collection for this cause as soon as convenient and forward it to the Board of Church Erection in New York.

N. B. KLINK.
S. WOODBRIDGE.
E. M. BETTS.

[D.]

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of the Pacific offer the following report for the year ending October, 1876:

In the Presbytery of Sacramento the church membership has increased ninety-six, and the Sabbath-school membership fifty-four. This increase is due mainly to the steady growth of the churches; special works of grace, however, being noted in Stockton and Mt. Aukum. The interest of the churches has increased also in the benevolent work, and more attention is paid to system in Beneficence and Finance.

All the churches, with two or three exceptions, are regularly supplied with preaching, but the bounds of this Presbytery are very extensive, embracing twenty-five counties of Northern California, and the whole of Nevada. There are consequently in this large territory some very hopeful fields yet unoccupied, but its sparsely-settled condition, and the peculiar nature of the mining industries, make it probable that many portions of this Presbytery will be missionary ground for some time to come. Two new churches have been organized, one at Taylorsville, Plumas county, and another at Elk Grove, Sacramento county. At the latter place a good house of worship has been erected.

One week after the opening day of the Synod last year Rev. Charles D. Roberts passed away in death, leaving many friends to mourn his loss to the church on earth, but going to a blessed reward of his consecrated labors.

The Presbytery of Benicia reports a healthy growing interest on the subject of religion, that betokens a permanence truly encouraging. All of the congregations except two, are enjoying the stated administration of Gospel ordinances. Also, with one or two exceptions, they all have received encouraging additions to their membership by profession. The churches of Santa Rosa and San Rafael have become self-supporting, and in these the pastoral relation has also been constituted. A house of worship at San Rafael has been dedicated free from debt, and without help from the Board of Church Erection. A house of worship at Vacaville also is ready for consecration.

The San Francisco Presbytery reports that with some things causing perplexity and sorrow, there is much to encourage and call for thankfulness. The diffusive power of the leaven of divine truth and grace in its healthful quietness and strength has been felt and seen in many churches. The additions to the First Oakland, Westminster and Calvary call for special notice. Two new churches have been organized in the City of San Francisco, the "Centennial" and the "Woodbridge." The report further notes a marked increase in the attendance on the preaching of the Gospel, that the claims of the various Mission Boards are more generally recognized; the prayer-meetings are more numerously attended; the Sabbath-schools have been conducted with increased efficiency, and not a few church members have evinced a growing spirit of Christian zeal and activity.

The Presbytery of San José reports as follows: "The churches are in a healthy condition, all except one being supplied with regular preaching, and this at much less expense to the Board of Home Missions than in former years. Although the rolls of the churches have been pruned down, by suspending absent and unheard-from members, there is now a larger number than at any former time. Two churches have been organized, viz: the First Presbyterian Church at Arroyo Grandé, and the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, with ten members each. Two houses of worship have been erected, one at Cambria, the other at San Luis Obispo. Two churches have become self-supporting. Two pastors have been installed. There is very little church debt, and a growing disposition to contribute to the Boards. Although some efforts have been made to hold revival meetings, no great outpouring of the Spirit has been experienced, yet a reward has been given for all faithful labor.

The Presbytery of Los Angeles reports its condition prosperous. Of twelve ministers all are actively engaged in the work of the ministry, except one, who is honorably retired. Of the

twelve churches seven have made large advances in the year, and two, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, have become self-sustaining, and one, Westminster, has asked for no missionary aid for two years. Two houses of worship have been built, leaving four still houseless. Prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools are well sustained. There are four Chinese Sunday-schools, in one of which there have been four conversions. There is no revival interest in the Presbytery. More than half the churches do not report a single conversion. Of the twenty-five additions by profession twenty-one are reported by Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and only four by all the rest. The new churches of the year are, Santa Ana, Guadalupé, Carpinteria, with three new stations occupied. Rev. D. A. McFarland died at Lapwai, Idaho, May 13, 1876.

The Presbytery of Oregon will be set off from the Synod of the Pacific by the General Assembly, and constituted a Synod, entitled the "Synod of the Columbia," with three Presbyteries, Oregon, Puget Sound, and South Oregon. This takes from our Synodical Roll 32 churches, 25 ministers, and 2,043 communicants; but the wisdom of the formation of this new Synod is at once recognized, and we rejoice at this unmistakable sign of the progress of the Presbyterian Church on the Pacific Coast.

There are now in the Synod 91 churches, 105 ministers, and 6,167 communicants. The total gifts of the past year for congregational purposes reported in the Assembly's Minutes were $203,911, and for benevolent work through our Church Boards, $6,565.

Our College at San Francisco in its two departments, after severe reverses, is now once more under management, which promises what the most exacting might demand of thorough religious training, and never was in better condition to attain the end proposed by its founders, a Christian University.

Our Theological Seminary has increased the number of its students, strengthened its faculty of instructors, and is doing well the great foundation work for the cause of Christ committed to its care. The Church on the Pacific Coast must ere long raise up its own ministry, and the number of theological students in our Seminary will increase in exact ratio to the Church's growth in grace. Every pastor should be on the watch among the families of his church, for some one able and willing to devote himself to the work of the ministry.

We note with thankfulness the enlarged size and bright prospects of THE OCCIDENT. Although the noble editor, who for years stood by its precarious fortune, and bore its burdens upon shoulders made weary by sufficient work in other directions, has now retired from its management, the one who has taken his place brings the ripe experience of twenty years of editorial

work in the East, and there is every reason to expect the continued blessing of God upon this weekly teacher of religion in our families.

The special work of the Church among the Chinese on this Coast deserves special mention in a "Narrative of Religion." It is surely encouraging, amid the political agitation on this subject the past year, that the Christian Church has remained faithful to duty in this great battle of the army of Christ. The noble women of our Church have taken the lead in this work, and they have the gratitude of our ministers, elders, and people.

Thus all the agencies of the Church are in active operation, though much more might have been done, and much more will be done, with God's help, another year.

On the other hand, the agencies of evil are at work, and have been specially busy the past year.

It is reason for great grief that the Temperance cause has received the blow given by the repeal of the Local Option Law, and this action of our late Legislature is a sign that our chief dependence in this great reform must be upon the regenerating power of the Gospel of Christ. We need to establish, especially on the Pacific Coast, the truth so often reiterated by the General Assembly, that total abstinence is the only true principle of temperance in these times, and in this country.

The public desecration of the Sabbath continues with hardly any abatement, and has assumed gigantic proportions in mining communities, notably in Virginia City, Nevada.

The failure of the excellent Sabbath Law of California to stand the test of the civil courts has greatly helped the widespread breaking of the Fourth Commandment. We need another and more invulnerable civil law, but as in the cause of temperance, depending chiefly upon a higher power, let us see to it at least in the Church, and in all families under its influence, that obedience is paid to this most righteous law of God.

In conclusion, we thank God that despite all hindrances, another year of positive growth is added to the history of our Church.

The great needs for the future are more spiritual mindedness in our ministers, elders, and communicants, more direct and simple preaching of the Word, and more personal labor for the salvation of souls. If the generals of our army lead the way, the soldiers will follow. If the officers of the Church are fully consecrated to the Saviour, the members will follow their leading. "Like people like priest." And if the Church be full of faith and the Holy Ghost, the religious future of the Pacific Coast will not be uncertain.

The committee also recommended the following resolution:

That the Presbyteries of the Synod be directed to make it a standing rule to spread upon their records the "Narratives of Religion" presented by the Presbyterial Committees at both the Spring and Fall meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. RICE.
ASA S. FISKE.
ALEXANDER FAIRBAIRN.

[E]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Directors, in submitting to the Synod their annual report, beg leave to call attention to the accompanying papers, namely: The report of the acting Faculty for the term ending first of last May, and also their report for the opening of the present term, marked A and B; also the report made to the Directors concerning the Contingent Fund for the term 1875–6, with receipts of disbursements, marked C. Also the financial statement of the Trustees, from the commencement of the Seminary to the present time—that is, for four years—marked D, including full report of Rev. Dr. Cunningham's efforts in behalf of the Seminary.

During the vacation the Rev. Dr. Poor resigned his place as acting Professor, and his resignation was accepted, and the Rev. Dr. James Eells was unanimously elected to a Professorship in the Seminary. Dr. Eells' letter of conditional acceptance, of the 15th of August last, is herewith submitted to you, marked E.

With the concurrence and to the satisfaction of the acting Faculty with Dr. Eells, a re-arrangement of the chairs, in part, was agreed upon, and for which we ask your concurrence, namely: Dr. Scott to continue as Professor of Moral Science and Systematic Theology; Dr. Burrowes, Greek and Hebrew Exegesis, with Special Introduction; Dr. Eells, Apologetics, Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology; and Dr. Alexander, Ecclesiastical and Biblical History, with General Introduction, and Church Government.

Our library continues to grow. We have the pleasure to acknowledge the donation of two large boxes of books from the Rev. Dr. H. A. Boardman, of Philadelphia; also 51 volumes from Rev. J. M. Allis, of Anaheim; 24 volumes of Ante-Nicene Fathers, recently published by an Edinburgh house, and presented by Messrs. R. L. & A. Stuart, of New York; 45 volumes from

Rev. Dr. Sessions, of Oakland, and 20 volumes from the late Rev. D. F. McFarland, formerly of San Diego, but departed this life at Lapwai, Idaho. For the want of room the volumes of Dr. Boardman have not been arranged, so that we cannot tell the exact number. Not including them, the other donations amount to 140 volumes. Most of these are standard works and in good preservation. The Ante-Nicene Fathers are new and have not been previously used. The thanks of the Synod are due for these valuable additions to our library. The books we most need are standard Dictionaries of all languages, and such books as are necessary for the students to refer to as text-books.

Our students, this term, have been tardy in coming. We have as yet only seven matriculated for the term, and one of them is at present absent, to complete a missionary work in Oregon, but will return in a few weeks. Four new students have written for rooms, and say they will be on the ground this month. Several others have written for accommodations and were answered favorably, but we do not know whether they are coming or no. We have had more applications than ever before, and our prospects for students are better than at any previous time, and especially as to young men of our own coast. Three young men, members of our churches, are now engaged in their literary course and expect to enter the Seminary next year. Five or six applications have been made from other denominations to enter for next year. The character and standing of our students, and their diligence in study, have all been satisfactory to their professors. As we have no scholarships, we are obliged to ask your recommendation, as heretofore, for contributions from your churches for the daily expenses of our students. The congregations and individuals who have generously assisted, as you see from the report on the Contingent Fund, will, of course, receive our thankful acknowledgments.

You will be happy to see from the Minutes of the last Assembly (page 66) that the effort to put our Seminary on a solid and firm foundation is strongly endorsed. The voice of the Church is that there must be a school of the Prophets at the Golden Gate. Our conviction that this institution is a necessity, and will be successful, with the Divine blessing, is unwavering. The term of the following named brethren, as Directors, expires at this meeting of the Synod: A. F. White, LL. D., A. L. Lindsley, D. D., Rev. A. Fairbairn, and Rev. C. A. Poage, Elders Wales L. Palmer and E. Bigelow.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directors. W. A. Scott.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 4, 1876.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO SYNOD.

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to report that, from the records and documents placed in their hands, the following facts appear:

That the General Assembly has fully recognized our Seminary as a necessary requirement of our coast, and has cordially commended it to the confidence and liberality of all our American Zion.

That three of the members of the Seminary, at the close of the theological year, graduated from the institution, and are now successfully engaged in the work of the ministry.

That seven young men are now in the different classes of the Seminary; that four more are expecting to arrive in a few weeks; and that six others, from the East, have given encouragement that they will become members of the institution before the close of the academic year.

That Rev. Dr. Poor, who for four years served the Synod as Professor of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, without any salary, except the free rent of the house which sheltered him, has resigned and gone East, to fill an important position in one of our Boards.

That Rev. Dr. Eells has been elected to the Chair of Apologetics, Sacred Rhetoric, and Pastoral Theology, and has signified his consent to serve the Church in that capacity for one year, with a strong hope on the part of the directors that he will be willing, thereafter, to accept the position permanently, and make it the crowning labor and glory of his life.

That by the large-hearted generosity of several donors, very valuable additions have been made to the library during the year.

That light is beginning to dawn on the financial condition of the Seminary, insomuch that those who, for three years, had bestowed their labors as Professors without any remuneration, except that of a good conscience for a noble work performed, have, in the last year, received a small salary, ranging from $300 to $400, from interest accruing on invested funds.

The assets of the Seminary, including bills receivable, real estate, deposits in savings-bank, and cash on hand, are $16,632.51.

In addition to this, through the efforts of Rev. Dr. Cunningham, in his several missions to the East, subscriptions have been procured to the amount of $20,250, which have not been paid in, but are secured to the Seminary by the subscribers, and this sum is bearing interest.

Another class of subscriptions, not paid in, but which are regarded by Dr. Cunningham as "good and reliable," amounts to $32,500. On these no interest accrues.

The contributions to the Contingent Fund, from individuals and churches, amounted to $723.64, all of which, except $44.89, had been disbursed to the students before the close of the theological year.

From the many favorable elements that, as factors, enter into our condition, such as the unsurpassed salubrity of our climate, our diversified resources, the cosmopolitan character of our population, our wonderful progress and prosperity as a people, the energy and liberality of our citizens in reference to all projects for the public good, we may reasonably hope that a large number of young men will be drawn to our Seminary, and that what Princeton, Union, Auburn, Allegheny and Lane have done for the East, the Theological Seminary of San Francisco will do for the Pacific Slope.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the Trustees of the City College for the long use of rooms in their building; to St. John's Church, for the use of rooms in their sanctuary; to the Board of Directors of the Seminary, for their manifold labors in its behalf, and for their wise management of its affairs, and to the Faculty, who, for four years, have labored so faithfully and constantly in the departments of instruction—most of the time without a dollar's remuneration.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors are entitled to, and shall have, the cordial moral support and, according to ability, the financial aid of the Synod, in their efforts to secure a complete endowment of the Seminary, and funds for the erection of all necessary buildings.

Resolved, That the Synod urge on the churches and ministers to see to it that the treasury of the Contingent Fund for the students be immediately replenished, and kept always adequate for every draft upon it.

Resolved, That the fact that, notwithstanding the rapid increase of population, and the increased demands of our church, there is a sad falling off in the number of our young men seeking the ministry, should stimulate our churches and ministers to become intimately acquainted with all their young men, in order to find out who possess the requisite qualifications, and to counsel and encourage such, and only such, to consecrate themselves to the work of the gospel ministry.

Your committee recommend the following persons for election as directors for the ensuing three years, to fill vacancies occurring at the close of this Synod: Rev. A. F. White, LL. D., A.

L. Lindsley, D.D., James Matthews, D.D., Rev. Richard Wylie, and Elders Wales L. Palmer and E. Bigelow.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. HARMON,
Chr. Com. Theo. Sem.

A. S. FISKE.
E. M. BETTS.

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HOME MISSIONS.—(Abstract.)

Under the care of these Home Missionaries of the Synod, there are 1,730 communicants, and 3,490 Sabbath scholars—a total of 5,220 souls brought into the closest relations with them from week to week, not to speak of the ordinary crowd of Sabbath hearers. But here are over five thousand souls willingly presenting themselves to receive the word of God from their lips, and to be moulded into the form of doctrine delivered to us. Your committee rejoice to learn that the greater number, if not almost all our Sabbath-schools, are engaged in studying the International Series of Bible Lessons and the Shorter Catechism; and, as our statistics show, with blessed results.

It appears that, up to the date of the returns to the General Assembly, there had been forty-eight home missionaries in commission; that the total period of their service was 426 months, or an average of a little less than nine months each; that during that time the additions to the churches under their care amounted to 461 for an average of nine months, or at the rate of twelve per annum for each minister employed. When we consider the disadvantages under which Home Missionaries labor on this coast, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude to the God of all grace for this result, which shows the power of the gospel faithfully preached here in California, to accomplish results nearly, if not quite, equal to the average of additions to the Eastern churches, with all their superior advantages of settled public sentiment, and of great public meetings in this revival year. We thank God, and take courage and say, "What hath God wrought?"

Notwithstanding the financial pressure upon the Board, the Synod's Missionary, Rev. Thomas Fraser, has persevered in following the indications of the presence of the great Head of the Church with the scattered sheep, and in the truly Christ-like way

of gathering them into the fold, by a regular church organization, and, wherever practicable, the collection of a Sabbath-school. The various presbyteries, also, have not been unmindful of this important department of their oversight of the flock of Christ among them. We have consequently, to-day, the happiness of bringing into the King's palace, as virgin companions following the Church, ten churches organized during the year. May they ever be golden candlesticks, holding forth the light of Christ's presence.

The list of new congregations organized since the last meeting of Synod is as follows: In the Presbytery of Los Angeles—Santa Ana, Carpinteria, Guadalupé, Colton. In the Presbytery of Sacramento—Elk Grove, Taylorsville. In the Presbytery of San Francisco—The Centennial Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Cunningham, now numbers 150 communicants; the Woodbridge Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge, D.D., contains 100 communicants; both these congregations are self-sustaining, and promise at no distant day to become generous contributors to our Home Mission Treasury. In the Presbytery of San Jose — Mayfield and Arroyo Grandé.

Though the work of building churches more especially comes under the oversight of the Committee on Church Erection, and will be fully reported by that committee, yet, as a cheering indication of the healthy progress of our Home Mission work, we would note the fact that during the year church buildings have been erected, or are in process of erection, by the following churches, now or formerly, under the care of the Board of Home Missions: Oakland, Danville, San Rafael, St. Helena, Napa, Santa Monica, Eureka, Pasadino, Merced, Cambria, San Luis Obispo, Elk Grove, Vacaville and Woodbridge.

The blessing of God has also been manifested in the increase of the number of self-supporting churches. Some churches which had been relying upon an annual grant from the Board for years, when pressed to greater exertions by the necessity of the past year, have developed powers unsuspected by themselves, and now rejoice in the new sense of ability to work for Christ, instead of being, as formerly, dependent. Others have been blessed with steady growth, and some with special revival, so as to be able to allow the aid they formerly received to be applied to younger and feebler churches. Would that many others would imitate their example.

The Roll of Honor presents the following churches as becoming self-supporting during the year—twelve in all: Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Santa Clara, Cambria, Watsonville, Colusa, Los Angéles, Westminster, Santa Barbara, Vallejo, Red Bluff, Hollister.

The report of the Synodical Missionary, Rev. Thomas Fraser, presents a cheering view of the progress of the Church during

the past year, not only in the five Presbyteries embraced in this report, but also in the territory embraced by the Presbytery of Oregon—now the Synod of Columbia. In that Presbytery another congregation, Snohomish, has been organized in Washington Territory. At Seattle, and at Port Townsend, new churches are being erected ; and at Roseburg, Oregon, a church has been completed during the year. The ministerial force has been augmented in that Synod by the addition of Rev. Mr. Rice, at Salem; Rev. Mr. Knowles, at Corvallis; Rev. Mr. Hewett, at Empire; Rev. Mr. Robinson, at Woodburn; and Rev. Mr. Macfie, at Portland.

Your committee would recommend that the Synod would express its approbation of the persevering and judicious labors of our Synodical Missionary, so signally owned by the Head of the Church, in the planting of new churches, and in the steady growth of those previously planted, and still watered by his constant care, oversight and personal visits; and that our churches be exhorted constantly to remember in their prayers one on whom cometh daily the care of all the churches.

We would nominate for election and recommendation to the Board of Home Missions Rev. Thomas Frazer as Synodical Missionary of the Synod of the Pacific.

The experience of many years has demonstrated the insufficiency of the measures generally employed by our churches to raise the funds necessary for the evangelization of the world. The mode of annual collections for our boards is liable to frequent omission on the appointed day, from the absence of the preacher, or some recent collection for local necessities; and when a collection is taken, it is frequently greatly diminished by the inclemency of the weather, or the accidental absence of some liberal contributors. Where a tolerably liberal contribution is given it is frequently the result of an eloquent appeal from the preacher, and so is an offering rather to man than to God. And in the great majority of cases the offering is made by the heads of families only, and the women and children, the great majority of the people, make no offering to God.

That our churches might be brought up to a higher standard in all these respects your committee would earnestly commend to their consideration the method of offering as an act of regular Sabbath worship, commanded by the inspired apostle to the churches of Europe and Asia in his day.

Your committee would further take the liberty of earnestly commending to the churches the duty of proportionate contribution to the different departments of the missionary work and of our own Church. An inspection of the tables in the Minutes of the General Assembly will show that the majority of our congregations contribute only to one or two of our boards, while very few contribute to all.

The weekly offering of the church, after deducting the incidental expenses of the congregation, we venture to suggest, should be distributed solely among the various boards of our own Church, whose pressing necessities have no other source of supply; leaving the general societies, benevolent and religious, to raise funds, as they are now doing, by the personal solicitations of their agents, who are generally well qualified for their important duty.

In making this distribution of the weekly offering we cannot take any guide more judicious than the budget of the General Assembly, which apportions to the Home, Foreign, Educational and other departments, as nearly as possible, the amount actually needed, except where individual donors expressly direct a special appropriation to a particular department or mission. In such cases the wishes of the donor should be respected. But intelligent and conscientious Presbyterians will generally feel that a body like the General Assembly, composed of representatives of all departments of our church work, from all the ends of the earth, and with such full information before it as no individual possesses, is much more likely to make a wise distribution of the resources of the church, after prayer for the promised illumination of the Holy Spirit, than private persons, or even church sessions, perhaps under the influence of local or personal partialities.

Your committee would, therefore, earnestly recommend all our churches to distribute with impartiality to all the boards of the Church according to the scale furnished by the General Assembly, viz, of $1,420,000: To the Foreign Board, $550,000; Home, $350,000; Sustentation, $100,000; Church Erection, $100,000; Education, $120,000; Publication, $50,000; Freedmen, $50,000; Ministerial Relief, $100,000.

Your committee would recommend that the Synod give a hearty indorsement to the resolution of the last General Assembly (Minute, page 33): "That it is the sense of this Assembly that, as giving is a Christian grace the cultivation of which is enjoined upon all God's people, and as it is a means of developing and strengthening the Church of Christ, it is the duty of all our churches, however feeble, to contribute annually to the several causes of beneficence represented by the boards and committees of the Assembly, and that our ministers and sessions be required to afford them opportunity."

A steady flow of immigration during the year has largely increased the Home Mission population, and the judicious policy pursued by the land-owners in many parts of our State, of offering land in small farms to actual settlers, and especially to colonies, offers to the Presbyterian Church new and promising fields of labor—in excess of our present ability to cultivate. There are laborers ready to respond to the calls of the Church, if

only the means of support can be obtained. We must again, as so often before, make an appeal to the Eastern churches for financial aid, praying the Lord to speedily remove those embarrassments which have recently hindered their willing minds from their accustomed generous contributions to the enlargement of the Home Mission work.

Beside these fields of labor, so rapidly ripening to harvest among the English-speaking people of this coast, the Lord continues to send us, from year to year, great numbers of immigrants speaking other tongues, who must be evangelized by preachers speaking to them in their native languages, or else allowed either to sink into heathenism or to swell the ranks of popery. Either of these contingencies would be fatal to the continuance of the liberty and prosperity of this State, by allowing the steady and rapid increase of an ignorant and vicious, and, therefore, dangerous population.

The Chinese are the most numerous of our foreign population. Their actual numbers, their wide dispersion in all our settlements and the closeness of their domestic relations with us, demand our immediate and most earnest attention. They are not only found in San Francisco, but in each of the principal cities of the coast, in large numbers, and in each of our smaller settlements, in smaller societies.

As yet no efforts of a magnitude suitable to the emergency have been put forth by any of the churches. But it would be simply absurd to suppose that the Chinese over the length and breadth of the Pacific Coast could possibly be reached by the voices of two or three men in San Francisco.

If any serious design of evangelizing the Chinese in California is entertained, it would be necessary to plant a missionary, speaking the Canton dialect, in Portland, Oregon, one in Virginia City, one in Sacramento, one in Oakland, one in San José, and one in San Diego. Each of these should have under his direction a Chinese school, and should also have two Chinese preachers to itinerate among the Chinese settlements in the vicinity of the station. A Christian Chinese newspaper should also be printed and extensively circulated among them. And the Woman's Work, so successfully commenced among the Chinese women in San Francisco by our Woman's Foreign Missionary Board, should be extended to every place where Chinese women are held in slavery.

When we turn our attention to the organization by which such enlargement of work among the Chinese may be best secured, we naturally turn first to the Foreign Board, as actually engaged in the work. But, to our deep sorrow, we have been informed that the financial pressure on that Board has compelled it to refuse the appointment of a medical missionary well qualified for the work, and of course the same reason would still more effectually prevent the appointment of seven additional missionaries.

The General Assembly's Committee on the Report of the Board reported, and the Assembly adopted the following recommendation (Minutes, p. 32): "That the work be vigorously prosecuted among the Germans, who seem to be eagerly looking to our church for help, and among the persecuted Chinamen on our shores."

Neither the Home Board nor the Foreign Board have yet attempted enlarged work among the Chinese in California. The only agency left to us is the California Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which has already accomplished the results among the Chinese, to the recital of which we have listened with so much pleasure, and which we have faith to believe capable of still greater extension and usefulness. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the Synod to encourage these ladies to attempt the extension of their educational work among the Chinese to all the chief cities of the coast, and to recommend their Chinese work to the generous support of all our churches, and of all the friends of our country.

R. PATTERSON.

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STANDING RULES.

I. The Synod shall meet annually, on the first Thursday of October, at such hour and place as shall be designated at the meeting of the preceding year.

II. The place of meeting shall be determined by a majority, and not by a plurality, of votes. After calling the roll for the first vote, the two places having the greatest number of votes shall alone be voted for.

III. At each meeting of the Synod a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed to provide for the entertainment of Synod at its next meeting.

IV. The session of the church in which the Synod is to meet shall be a Committee on Devotional Exercises, and propose to Synod the time and character of such special public religious services as may be desirable, and not otherwise provided for.

V. The first half hour of every morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

VI. The annual meeting of Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator; or, in case of his absence, by another member appointed at each meeting for the next succeeding meeting.

VII. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator, Stated Clerk, two Temporary Clerks, and a Treasurer—all to be elected by a majority vote. The Moderator and Temporary Clerks shall serve for one year; the Stated Clerk and Treasurer during the pleasure of the Synod.

VIII. The Stated Clerk shall give due notice, through *The Occident*, of the time and place of each meeting of Synod; and prepare for each meeting, and keep a docket of the business that is to come before the Synod. The compensation for the services of the Stated Clerk shall be fifty dollars per annum.

IX. The roll of each Presbytery is to be forwarded by its Stated Clerk immediately after its last meeting next preceding the meeting of Synod, to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

X. Each Presbytery is required to report to each annual meeting of Synod the number of churches, ministers, licentiates, and candidates within the bounds of the Presbytery; and also the changes that have taken place during the year, whether from death, reception and dismission of ministers, ordinations, installations, licensures, dissolution of pastoral relationships, organization or dissolution of churches, or from any other cause whatever.

XI. Each Presbytery shall also forward a written narrative of the state of religion in its bounds, to the Committee of Synod on the Narrative, as soon as possible before the meeting of Synod.

XII. The following standing committees shall be appointed at each annual meeting:

1. On Bills and Overtures, to consist of five members.
2. On Judicial Business, five members.
3. On Minutes of the General Assembly, three members.
4. On Leave of Absence, three members.
5. On the Treasurer's Account, three members.
6. On Finance and Mileage, five members.
7. On Theological Seminary, five members.
8. On Correspondence, three members.
9. On Synodical Sunday-school meetings, three members.
10. On the Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod for the ensuing year, three members.
11. On the Records of the Presbyteries, as many committees as there are Presbyteries in the Synod, to consist of three members each.
12. On Home Missions.
13. On Foreign Missions.
14. On Education.
15. On Publication.
16. On Church Erection.
17. On Ministerial Relief.

Each committee to be one minister and one elder from each Presbytery, including the Chairmen of the respective committees in each Presbytery. Vacancies to be filled by the Moderator.

XIII. Standing committees shall report in writing at each annual meeting of Synod.

XIV. Members of Synod absent from its session shall assign the reason for such absence by letter, and those reasons shall be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, and be reported thereon.

XV. The Minutes shall be published in pamphlet form, under direction of the Stated Clerk, and a copy sent to every minister and to the session of every vacant church.

XVI. The General Rules for Judicatories, adopted by the General Assembly, are hereby adopted as a part of these Standing Rules, so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

XVII. An assessment for the Contingent and Mileage Fund shall be made at each meeting of Synod for the ensuing year, and churches shall be required to contribute to this according to their membership published in the Minutes of the General Assembly last preceding the meeting of the Synod at which the assessment falls due. But nothing shall be required for Indians who may be members of any of our mission churches.

XVIII. After the contingent expenses of Synod are paid the balance shall be applied toward paying the necessary traveling expenses of the members of Synod, so far as it may be sufficient for this purpose.

XIX. Traveling expenses shall be reckoned only by the cheapest route.

XX. Pastors, Stated Supplies, and Elders of churches shall not be entitled to any portion of their mileage unless their respective churches have contributed their assessment in full.

XXI. The roll shall be called at the opening and close of the session of Synod, and the names of the absentees marked.

XXII. The Committee on Sunday-school Meeting shall report for adoption a programme for a Sunday-school meeting or meetings to be held in connection with the next meeting of Synod.

XXIII. The Synodical Missionary and Directors of the Theological Seminary shall be elected by ballot.

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The Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report, as follows:

1. The work was successfully prosecuted by the Board during the year covered by the last report. In every quarter of the globe there has been progress.

2. This progress calls for enlargement of the work, for more men and more means for their support. God's people ought to come up to this work with more intense zeal and with enlarged liberality.

3. During the last year, notwithstanding the hard times, the contributions of the living members of the church were greater than ever before. May they go forward in geometrical ratio.

4. The entire contributions of our churches, according to the report of the Board, omitting the Presbytery of Oregon, were $4,342.17. Our church communicants, as reported in the Minutes of the Assembly, number 6,267. This makes an average of less than seventy cents per communicant, an amount far too small. Surely no church should be content with less than its fair proportion, which is at least one dollar per communicant. Rather should we rise far above this, than fall below it, in the spread of the kingdom of our Redeemer beyond the limits of our own land, and among the heathen within our borders.

5. The work for the Chinese here claims an especial interest on our part. As a church we have nothing to do with the political questions concerning them. But we have to do with the great providential fact that they are here, in contact with us, accessible. Our mission among them has been eminently successful and useful. A new station has been established, during the past year, at Los Angeles, with a good degree of success already, and with most encouraging prospects. The efforts to instruct them in Sunday-schools and evening schools has been most successful. Many of our churches have had the high honor given them by the great Head of the Church to welcome converts from heathenism to their communion. Testimony is amply borne to their faithful Christian walk. When the Chinese return to their native land — as nearly all do — they are most heartily welcomed by the Missionaries as the bearers thither of our type of civilization. This work should be undertaken wherever practicable.

6. The ladies of the Woman's Board are doing a noble work in establishing the Home for Chinese Women, and in raising funds for the work. More than half the contributions reported among us have come from their efforts. All praise to them, that they have "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we render thanks to Almighty God for the success granted to our feeble efforts for the conversion of the world, for the measure of liberality imparted to the churches.

2. That we urge every church to contribute largely to this blessed cause.

3. That we exhort all our ministers and churches to do what they can for the salvation of the heathen among us.

4. That we tender to the ladies our most cordial encouragement in their good work.

5. That we exhort our ministers to use such means as may be practicable to diffuse information upon the progress of this great work, by preaching upon the subject, by monthly concerts, and by the circulation of the *Foreign Missionary* and the *Monthly Record*, in order that all may be led to feel the responsibility laid upon them by our Lord in reference to giving the Gospel to the world.

SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

1852-69.

1.—(O. S. Branch.)

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC.

A. D.	NAME.		PRESBYTERY.		PLACE.	
1852,	James Woods,	of	Stockton,	at	San Francisco,	Cal.
1854,	J. L. Yantis, D. D.,		Oregon,		"	"
1856,	W. C. Anderson, D. D.,		California,		"	"
1859,	S. Woodbridge, D. D.,		Benicia,		"	"
1860,	Frederick Buel,		California		Stockton,	"
1861,	Joshua L. Phelps, D. D.,		Stockton,		Napa,	"
1862,	Henry R. Avery,		Oregon,		San Francisco,	"
1863,	P. V. Veeder,		Benicia,		"	"
1864,	R. Happersett, D. D.,		Stockton,		"	"
1865,	John Edwards,		California,		Healdsburg,	"
1866,	Thomas Fraser,		Benicia,		San Francisco,	"
1867,	J. S. McDonald,		Stockton,		"	"
1868,	J. G. Fackler,		California,		"	"
1869,	A. L. Lindsley, D. D.,		Oregon,		"	"

1857-69.

2.—(N. S. Branch.)

SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1857,	S. H. Willey,	San Francisco,	Sacramento,	Cal.
1858,	S. S. Harmon,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco,	"
1859,	W. W. Brier,	San José,	"	"
1860,	S. B. Bell,	"	"	"
1861,	L. Hamilton,	"	Sacramento,	"
1862,	E. B. Walsworth,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco,	"
1863,	A. F. White,	San José,	"	"
1864,	G. Pierson,	"	"	"
1865,	C. C. Wallace,	Sierra Nevada,	Oakland,	"
1866,	H. M. Scudder, D. D.,	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	"
1867,	I. N. Hurd,	"	"	"
1868,	James Pierpont,	"	"	"
1869,	E. B. Walsworth,	San José,	"	"

1870-76.

3.—(Reunited Church.)

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC.

1870,	J. G. Fackler,	California,	San Francisco,	Cal.
1871,	W. W. Brier,	San José,	Oakland,	"
1872,	N. B. Klink,	Benicia,	Gilroy,	"
1873,	A. L. Lindsley, D. D.,	Oregon,	San Francisco,	"
1874,	Frederic E. Shearer,	San Francisco,	Sacramento,	"
1875,	James Matthews, D. D.,	Sacramento,	Oakland,	"
1876,	W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D.,	San Francisco,	San José,	"

SUCCESSION OF STATED CLERKS.

1. (O. S. Branch.)

1852, Albert Williams.
1856, S. Woodbridge, Jr.
1862, Albert Williams.
1865, John Edwards.

2. (N. S. Branch.)

1857, E. B. Walsworth.
1868, George Pierson.

(Reunited Church.)

1870 D. W. Poor, D. D.
1873, Frederic E. Shearer.